

Public Health

We're all tired of respiratory viruses that make us sick, but please [wear a mask](#) when you're indoors in a crowded place to protect kids from getting hospitalized with breathing problems and keep hospital beds from getting filled.

Physicians urge everyone to wear masks to protect children and keep hospitals from filling up

Because surging influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) cases are filling up

Oregon hospital beds, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and several physicians today urged everyone to [wear masks](#) in crowded indoor places, such as grocery stores, this winter.

"The situation facing our hospitals is extremely serious," said [Dean Sidelinger](#), M.D., M.S.Ed., health officer and state epidemiologist at OHA, and a pediatrician. "Today, more hospitals are reaching a point of crisis in their adult bed capacity just as our pediatric hospitals moved to crisis care standards in the past two weeks."

"Now is not the time to go to crowded indoor places like indoor birthday parties, play places, restaurants and grocery stores," said Wendy Hasson, M.D., medical director of the pediatric intensive care unit at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. "Anything you can do to keep your child out of a crowded indoor area will help."

Staying up to date on vaccinations also helps keep people out of hospitals.

"Get immunized for influenza. Get your booster for COVID-19. It is not too late. Please get immunized," said Ray Moreno, M.D, chief medical officer at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, who has a background as an emergency department physician. "And don't gather if



you're sick, even just a little sick. Really, that protects other people.”

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To get a flu shot or other vaccinations, contact Clatsop County Public Health 503-325-8500.

Public Health

"Public Health touches every person every day and helps Clatsop County create a healthy environment to assure a livable and prosperous community"

Our Public Health Department provides immunizations, communicable disease control, HIV counseling and testing and sexually-transmitted disease testing and services, vital statistics, maternal and child health, WIC nutrition program, family planning, education and community outreach, health inspections, household hazardous waste collection program.



COVID-19 INFORMATION

Our Mission

Clatsop County Department of Public Health provides information and services to residents that are relevant and timely to assure the community's health.

- Protect individuals and communities against the spread of disease, injuries, and environmental hazards
- Promote and encourage healthy behaviors
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services
- Collaborate with community members to impact policy, systems, and environment changes
- Evaluate effective accessibility and quality of personal and population-based health

Core Values

- Respect – respect self and others to maintain the environment of teamwork and growth
- Integrity – act with honesty and integrity without compromising the truth
- Service Excellence – provide world-class service and achieve excellence each passing day
- Trust – provide services appropriately, reliably, and confidentially
- Leadership – the courage to lead and shape future
- Stewardship – carefully manage the resources that are entrusted to us by the people
- Diversity – honor human diversity and give the best of the composition
- Accountability – take responsibility for our actions that impact and influence the lives of our clientele and fellow workers
- Community Health – contribute to the health of our society that defines our existence

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